

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ An dispenser assembly for apparatus for dispensing elongated objects such as plant stakes, comprising:

a store provided with an elongated dispensing opening for ~~said objects, as well as the objects;~~ and

a dispenser assembly including a conveyor, ~~moving past said positioned beneath the~~ dispensing opening and adapted to move, ~~for said objects, said wherein the~~ conveyor ~~comprising~~ comprises a central part, ~~which wherein the~~ central part is bordered on either side by, ~~in each case,~~ a support part located ~~some distance~~ distanced away therefrom ~~and equipped so as, in each case, and positioned~~ to support one end of ~~said the~~ elongated object, wherein ~~said the~~ central part is ~~provided with accommodations that are designed~~ includes recesses to accommodate ~~said objects~~ the objects, and wherein the recesses extend essentially parallel to ~~said the~~ dispensing opening.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The ~~dispenser assembly~~ apparatus according to claim 13, wherein ~~said the~~ elongated dispensing opening is made directly adjoining the central part and ~~designed to~~ is adapted to contain ~~various~~ a plurality of elongated objects alongside one another.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The ~~dispenser assembly~~ apparatus according to claim 13, wherein ~~said the~~ central part ~~provided with accommodations~~ comprises a cylinder.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The ~~dispenser assembly~~ apparatus according to claim 13, wherein ~~said the~~ support parts comprise a disc.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The ~~dispenser assembly~~ apparatus according to claim 13, wherein ~~said the~~ support parts are not provided with ~~accommodations~~ recesses.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The ~~dispenser assembly~~ apparatus according to claim 13, wherein a surface of ~~said the~~ support parts and ~~said part provided with accommodations~~ the central part execute ~~the a~~ same transporting movement.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The ~~dispenser assembly~~ apparatus according to claim 15, wherein ~~said the~~ support parts comprise a disc, and ~~said the~~ cylinder and discs are mounted on a common shaft.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for dispensing elongated objects such as plant stakes, comprising:

a series of dispenser ~~assembly each comprising~~ assemblies; and

a store provided with ~~an a~~ a plurality of elongated dispensing opening openings for ~~said dispensing the~~ objects, ~~as well as therethrough, wherein the store is in communication with each of the dispenser assemblies and is adapted to dispense a discrete number of the objects into each of the dispenser assemblies,~~

wherein each of the dispenser assemblies include a conveyor, ~~moving past said positioned beneath the~~ dispensing opening and adapted to move, ~~for said objects, said wherein the~~ conveyor ~~comprising~~ comprises a central part, ~~which wherein the~~ central part is bordered on either side by, ~~in each case, a support part located some distance~~ distanced away therefrom and ~~equipped so as, in each case,~~ positioned to support one end of ~~said the~~ elongated object, wherein ~~said the~~ central part is ~~provided with accommodations that are designed includes~~ recesses to accommodate ~~said objects the objects,~~ and wherein the recesses

extend essentially parallel to ~~said~~ the dispensing opening, ~~with a common store~~, wherein axes of each of the accommodations of each of said assemblies recesses are arranged parallel and in line one after the other.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): ~~An assembly for placing an elongated object such as a stake in an object such as a pot plant,~~ The apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising:

a trough for receiving the objects from the dispenser assembly; and

~~a placing apparatus for said object,~~

~~gripper means for said objects~~ gripping the objects from the trough and positioning the objects in a substantially vertical orientation.

~~a dispenser assembly comprising a store provided with an elongated dispensing opening for said objects, as well as a conveyor, moving past said dispensing opening, for said objects, said conveyor comprising a central part, which central part is bordered on either side by, in each case, a support part located some distance away therefrom and equipped so as, in each case, to support one end of said elongated object, wherein said central part is provided with accommodations that are designed to accommodate said objects and extend essentially parallel to said dispensing opening, said dispenser assemblies being located opposite one another.~~

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): ~~The assembly~~ apparatus according to claim 21, wherein ~~said the gripper means for said object~~ comprise a clamping jaw construction that is movable in a rotating and translational movement manner.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A method for individual separation of elongated objects, comprising the steps of:

feeding said elongated objects into a ~~store~~, store; and

dispensing the elongated objects through a dispensing opening ~~thereof~~ of the
store to a ~~conveyor for said elongated objects~~, said conveyor, wherein the conveyor ~~being~~
~~provided with accommodations~~ includes recesses sized to accommodate each of the
elongated objects and support parts to support respective ends of each elongated object,
~~spaced therefrom for said elongated objects~~, wherein said conveyor is adapted to ~~transports~~
~~said transport the~~ elongated objects stepwise in a main direction and after each step ~~performs~~
perform a movement in a direction opposed to the main direction over a distance that is
smaller than said the step.